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ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE Minutes (Approved March 31, 2014)

The Advanced Practice Committee held a meeting on February 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., in Room 113 of the STAR Campus, College of Health Sciences, University of Delaware in Newark, DE.

PRESENT: Jean Gallagher, Allen Prettyman, Ron Castaldo, Megan Williams, Sandy Elliott, Delphos Price, Robert McKennett, JoAnn Baker

ABSENT: Candace Sandal, Cindy Drew, Leslie Verucci

GUESTS: Shauna Bright, Dillibai Mohan, Oona Campanelli, Mark Sanford, Sue Goines, Rory Tedrick, Sheri Smith, Beth Euston- FNP students from the University of Delaware

PRESIDING: Delphos Price

STAFF: Pamela Zickafoose, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Committee members introduced themselves for the students and the students also introduced themselves to the committee. All were NP students.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes from November 4, 2013 were reviewed. Ms. Baker made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dr. Prettyman. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Certification Update

Dr. Zickafoose shared certification statistics with the committee indicating a large increase in NPs taking certification exams and a consistent number of exams taken for CRNAs, CNMs, and CNSs. Dr. Prettyman stated this is consistent with enrollment in graduate programs.

Board Order

Dr. Zickafoose stated with the recent promotions and changes in leadership at the Division, Gayle Macafee gave a board order to Dr. Zickafoose from an independent practice hearing in 2006 for Sandy Elliott. The order was circulated for the committee to review. This is an historical document that will be preserved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consensus Model Education- Meetings with Stakeholders and Insurance Commission

Mr. Price informed the committee and guests that he will be meeting with Senator Blevins on Thursday to discuss the Consensus Model bill and to request her sponsorship. He requested input from the committee for bullet points and members provided suggestions. Mary Nairn and another nurse from the VA Medical Center will go to the meeting with Mr. Price. They are all constituents of Senator Blevins.

Mr. Castaldo reported representatives from the Insurance Commission were planning to attend the December and January meetings but both were cancelled due to inclement weather. They informed him via email they planned to attend the December meeting and he promptly informed them the meeting was cancelled. No further communication has occurred since then. Mr. Castaldo will contact them again to extend an invitation to the March meeting which will be in Dover.

Ms. Williams reported she met with Brian Posey from AARP and he requested to have a couple of volunteer lobbyists attend the March meeting. Members agreed this was a good idea. The latest version of the Model Talking Points was reviewed and everyone complimented Ms. Williams on this accomplishment.

Ms. Elliott reported she spoke with Moonyeen Klopfenstein and she will lobby in favor of the Consensus Model on behalf of the League of Women Voters.

Legislative Outreach- Meetings with Legislators

Mr. Castaldo thanked everyone who responded thus far and asked others to contact him to schedule meetings by the end of the week. He suggested that meetings do not necessarily have to take place at Legislative Hall because some legislators have regular "coffee hours" and other venues to meet with them. Ms. Elliott stated we really should have a date for introducing the bill. Mr. McKennett stated he would not meet with legislators again until the bill was introduced. Dr. Zickafoose reminded members that if the bill is introduced this session and is not passed, then it would have to start all over with the next legislative session in 2015. Members discussed the legislative process and how a bill gets passed. Ms. Baker stated we should schedule a meeting with Secretary Langraf, Dr. Rattay and Ms. Rogers to discuss the legislation. June 5, 2014 is Legislative Day for physicians.

Mr. Price commented he is facilitating a meeting with Dr. Fan, David Mangler, Dr. Zickafoose and himself to discuss the Consensus Model and MSD issues.

Statute and Regulations

Dr. Zickafoose reported a public hearing was held on February 12, 2014 for the regulatory changes to Section 8. These changes will improve the educational aspects of APN licensure and decrease the number of APN licenses issued. It also included the role and population language from the Consensus Model which is currently used for license types. She reported there was one comment from AANA regarding grandfathering and it was addressed. The Board will deliberate in March and repost in the Register in April.

Members discussed whether to change the name of the proposed statutory legislation and they considered several options. To date it has been referred to as the "Consensus Model" bill and all education was aimed toward that title. A straw vote was called and 7/8 members voted to keep the name the same. Ms. Williams will write a paragraph to be added at the beginning of the bill to explain the purpose of the legislation and Dr. Zickafoose will add the language. Ms. Elliott commented this bill really should be introduced by May. Mr. McKennett commented if amendments are suggested, we should not concede because it is a national model that is

standardizing APN licensure and practice. Mr. Castaldo will email recent statistics to Mr. Price and Dr. Zickafoose regarding the number of states who have fully implemented the bill. Dr. Zickafoose referred to the article in the Journal of Nursing Regulation in January 2014 with the table showing state progress..

OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only):

Dr. Zickafoose informed the committee that Ms. Cunningham resigned due to work obligations. Therefore, the committee needs a Psychiatric Mental Health CNS and another CNS. Interested persons should submit their resumes to Dr. Zickafoose who will then take to the Board of Nursing for approval.

Ms. Baker provided a report from the Controlled Substance Advisory Committee stating they will be implementing new regulations to require continuing education contact hours for licensees who prescribe controlled substances. Mr. Dryden from DPR will put one of the required courses online. The committee also held two hearings for physicians with controlled substance issues.

Dr. Prettyman stated the trend is that numbers of CNSs are declining and there is an increase in NPs. Mr. McKennett commented that his facility is having difficulty hiring CNSs and they are using hospitalists more often. Mr. Price added that Rush Hospital in Chicago has an ICU with 24 beds- 12 are run by NPs and 12 by P.A.s and there is no cross coverage. Ms. Baker commented that CNS's have not been used in practice as they were intended in an advanced practice role.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Students commended the committee for their efforts and agreed with the direction the committee is taking with the legislation. Committee members asked the students to contact their legislators to discuss the Consensus Model and considered making this part of an educational assignment. One student stated it was helpful hearing the process of how a bill is passed. Another commented they had learned about the Consensus Model in class but it was nice to see it in motion. Ms. Elliott is a trailblazer. Overall, the students stated they were amazed at how dedicated the committee members were in this mission.

NEXT MEETING – March 31, 2014 in Dover.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela C. Zickafoose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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